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Publication C238 is co-authored by some of the present inventors and describes the works that led to the current invention.

Publication C239, C240, C242 and C243 relate to the receptor for thrombopoietin and its viral homolog.

Publication C241 relates to the precursor cell for megakaryocytes and erythrocytes.

Publication C244 relates to the cloning of thrombopoietin.

The claimed invention is believed to be patentable over the above-cited publications.

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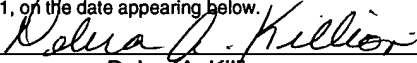


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